



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Hans Weiher et al.  
Application No. : 10/644,325  
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Group Art Unit : 1623  
For : USE OF  $\gamma$ -GT INHIBITORS FOR THE TREATMENT  
OF DEGENERATIVE DISEASES

New York, New York  
December 8, 2004

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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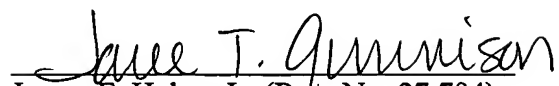
PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants request that the time for filing a Response to the October 8, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified patent application be extended for a period of three months, from November 8, 2004 up to and including December 8, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$110.00, in payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is submitted herewith. Please charge any underpayment, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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